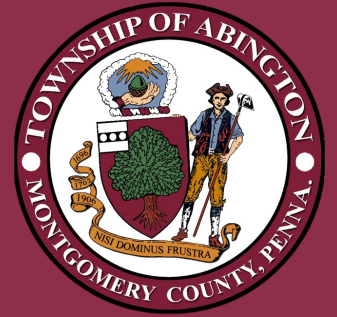


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July 2021 Edition



4th OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

Glenside's 4th of July festivities are back! Below is the schedule of events planned for the day:

- **10:00 AM:** Children's Morning Program held at Renninger Memorial Park
- **4:00 PM:** The Grand, Glorious, Patriotic Parade held on a 1.5-mile stretch through Glenside ([Click here to see a map of the parade route](#))
- **After Dark:** America the Beautiful Aerial Fireworks Spectacular held at Abington Junior and Senior High Schools

Please note: The Greater Glenside Patriotic Association (GGPA) sponsors these celebration events. There is no rain date for the parade and fireworks. For more information, visit www.glensideparade.com.

JULY MEETINGS

7/7 Human Relations Commission,
7 PM

7/8 Board of Commissioners,
6:30 PM

7/8 Committee of the Whole,
7 PM

7/13 Shade Tree Commission,
7:30 PM

7/14 Environmental Advisory Council,
7:30 PM

7/20 Comprehensive Plan
Development Team,
6 PM

7/20 Zoning Hearing Board,
7 PM

7/22 Vacant Property Review Board,
6:30 PM

7/26 Library Board,
7 PM

7/27 Economic Development Committee,
CANCELLED

7/27 Planning Commission,
7:30 PM

7/29 CDBG Annual Action Plan
Public Hearing,
6 PM

SAFETY MESSAGE & TRAFFIC PLAN

Abington Township works closely with the Patriotic Association to ensure that a safe and memorable day is had by all. To ensure everyone's safety, please adhere to the following guidelines:

Parade:

- The parade route runs east down Jenkintown Road from Edge Hill Road to Easton Road, then turns right and runs south down Easton Road from Jenkintown Road to Waverly Road.
- Jenkintown Road will be closed to all traffic between Tyson Avenue and Briarwood Road, and Easton Road will be closed to all traffic at Edge Hill Road starting at approximately 3:15 p.m. until the end of the parade.
- Cars parked on the parade route will be towed starting at 11:00 a.m. on July 4th.
- Please refrain from using any fireworks along the parade route.
- If you See Something, Say Something! If you notice anything suspicious, please notify one of the Abington Police Officers that will be staged along the parade route.

Fireworks:

- The fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9 p.m.
- Parking is available at Copper Beech Elementary School and the Abington Junior High School.
- Due to ongoing construction, parking is prohibited at the Student Parking Lot at the Abington Senior High School this year.
- Ghost Road will be closed to all traffic starting at 7 p.m.
- Arrive early. Highland Avenue will be closed to all traffic between Jenkintown Road and Susquehanna Road starting at 8:30 p.m.
- Edge Hill Road will be closed between Easton Road and Susquehanna starting at 7 p.m.
- Parking regulations will be strictly enforced in the area of Highland Avenue and Jericho Manor, including ticketing and/or towing.
- Parking at Mt. Vernon Garden Apartments on Easton Road is strictly for residents of Mt. Vernon. All others will be towed.
- Please do not sit in any of the posted restricted areas on the school campus, as this will delay the fireworks display from starting.

- Please do not block any of the roadways on the Copper Beech or Junior/Senior High Campus.
- Please do not bring any fireworks to the school campus.
- In the event of a thunderstorm, please take shelter in your cars.

For more information including traffic after the fireworks, please visit www.abingtonpa.gov.

NEWS & UPDATES

TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 5. NO TRASH OR RECYCLABLES COLLECTION.

Township offices, including the Abington Free Library, will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Monday, July 5, and Tuesday, July 6, trash and recyclables collections will occur on Tuesday, July 6. There will be no yard debris collection. Yard debris collection will resume on Wednesday, July 7.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN-PERSON

In response to the Pennsylvania General Assembly's adoption of H.R. 106 ending the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency, all Abington Township Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils will resume **in-person only** meetings beginning July 1, 2021. Meetings will be held in the Abington Township Board Room located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001.

POOLS CLOSING AT 6 PM ON JULY 4

All Township pools will be closing at 6 PM on Sunday, July 4, 2021. Regular pool hours will resume on Monday, July 5, 2021.

USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS

Click the image below to watch a video from the Fire Department and Police Department about fireworks safety and laws in Abington Township.



ABINGTON FREE LIBRARY TO INCREASE HOURS ON JULY 6

Beginning on July 6, 2021, Abington Free Library located at 1030 Old York Road will be open Monday through Saturday. Please see the schedule change below with the expanded hours:

- Monday and Tuesday: 10 AM - 8 PM
- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM
- Saturday: 9:30 AM - 1 PM

With the expanded hours, the Library will also offer expanded services. Public computers are available for 60-minute sessions, laptops are back out on tables, and seating has returned throughout the Main Floor for use. The Children’s Department will be open, though the Play Center still remains closed. Curbside Pickup is still running as self-service. Several programs are being offered in person and outdoors, while many remain virtual. A full list of services can be found on the Library's website.

Please note: The Library will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021, and fines will not accrue.

[Library Website](#)

INTRODUCING ABINGTON'S URBAN FOREST STORY MAP

Abington Township's Shade Tree Commission (STC), in partnership with the Township, has developed a wonderful new interactive story map tool for residents to explore and learn more about preserving and growing Abington's urban forest, which is the collection of trees, other vegetation, and water within Abington Township. The story map presents a narrative of the Township's urban tree canopy with accompanying pictures and several interactive maps.

We hope that you take the time to explore Abington's urban canopy and that it lends insight, and inspires each resident to actively participate in planning, preserving, and planting trees on both public and private lands, such that generations to come will enjoy a rich natural environment, excellent public health, and a vibrant community. Choose your passion and care for trees- whether in your own backyard, your neighborhood, your local park, or your watershed. Questions or comments can be made to stc@abingtonpa.gov.

[Story Map Website](#)

[Story Map Video Presentation](#)

FEEDBACK WANTED ON DRAFT LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Feedback wanted! Help our Local Climate Action Plan Collaborative by providing comments and suggestions about the Township's draft Climate Action Plan. Deadline to submit feedback is July 15, 2021.

- [Click here to provide feedback](#)
- [Click here to review the draft](#)
- [Click here to visit the Climate Action Plan webpage](#)



NEW INTERACTIVE WEBMAPS

Two new web maps have been developed for public use, a zoning information map and vacant property map. The

zoning information map is an interactive web map of our current zoning and provides additional information by individual parcel. Residents can now find useful information about their property including parcel, lot number, property size, zoning, etc. This tool is currently being used by the Engineering Department and will be helpful to residents, especially those seeking permits where this information may be required. The Vacant Property web map is a visual tool established for the Vacant Property Review Board, that provides information about past and current vacant commercial properties in the Township. This tool can be used by prospective property owners and tenants to find vacant commercial properties in Abington.

Vacant Property Map

Zoning Information Map

SUMMER YOUTH MEAL PROGRAM

The 2021 Abington Township Summer Youth Meal Program is underway and will have a few new additions in the coming weeks including the Roslyn Library, PA CareerLink, and MontCo Works! This federally funded child nutrition program provides a nutritious free lunch each weekday to any child 18 years of age or younger. The program operates Monday through Friday, during the hours of 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Crestmont Park (2592 Rubicam Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090). The program runs through August 13, 2021. More information at www.abingtonpa.gov/summermealprogram.

For more news, please visit our website at www.abingtonpa.gov.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



4TH OF JULY PARADE

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021
4 PM

The Greater Glenside Patriotic Association (GGPA) sponsors the annual July 4th celebration events in Glenside. The parade begins at 4 PM. Fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9 PM at Abington Junior and Senior High Schools. Free admission.

More Info



FREE SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021
9 AM - 12 PM

Residents are encouraged to bring any confidential or personal documents that they would like to discard to the Public Works Yard located at 2201 Florey Lane, Abington, PA 19001. There is a limit of 4 boxes/bags per car and each box/bag cannot exceed 30 lbs. No businesses!

More Info



CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021
6 PM

A virtual public hearing will be held to present the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan for the use of the Community Development Block Grant funds.

More Info

For a full list of programs and events, please visit our calendar at www.abingtonpa.gov/calendar.

TIP OF THE MONTH



Have FUN in the sun at your local park or pool!

Did you know that visiting green spaces can benefit your physical and mental health? The Township has over 400 acres of open space encompassed in 27 public parks, as well as two pools. Enjoy all our parks have to offer including hiking, biking, tennis courts, basketball courts, baseball fields, soccer fields, fishing, golfing, camping, playgrounds, skate park, grills, or picnic areas or consider becoming a member at one of our pools today!!

[Visit our Parks & Recreation Department page!](#)

SPOTLIGHT



The Department of Community Development works to improve, maintain, and obtain facilities and programs that improve the lives of Abington Township residents.

Be sure to check the Department Community Development’s website for information on upcoming programs like:

- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Homeowner Rehabilitation Programs
- Rent & Mortgage Assistance
- Small Business Loan Assistance
- Free Lunches for Children

And ways to voice your ideas for future activities!

- Visit www.abingtonpa.gov/cd
- Email communitydevelopment@abingtonpa.gov
- Call (267) 536-1019

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Parks & Recreation	parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov	215.576.5213

IMPORTANT LINKS

Township Website	Applications & Forms	Police Department
Employment Opportunities	Trash Collection & Recycling	Fire Department
Parks & Recreation	Large Item Pick Up	Contact Us & Location

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